

Grand Rapids Planning Commission

Minutes May 12, 2008

Present: Chairman Raymond Weber; members; Rod Dorski Eugene Zager, Lori Edwards and Mike Speich, Town Supervisor: Jeanne Fehrman and Zoning Administrator: Lorelei Fuehrer.

Dorski moved, Edwards second, unanimously dispensed with reading and approved April 14, 2008 minutes.

1. :

Dorski moved, Speich second to table the review of Exotic Animal Ordinance until later on the agenda. Vote unanimous

2. Greg McDonald: 1320 32nd St. N., request a Conditional Use Permit to dig out and enlarge pond; removing fill and transporting it to 2820 Plover Rd in the Village of Biron. Discussed the off-site removal of the 13,500 yards of fill over the next 2 years to an offsite location of 2820 Plover Rd. in the Village of Biron. Commission expressed the need for more firm dimensions of the pond before and after fill removal. Contamination of groundwater and transportation over town roads concerns were also expressed.

Speich moved, Dorski second to deny the Conditional Use Permit for the enlargement and fill removal of the pond at 1320 32nd St. N. Four (4) yes and one (1)no (Zager). Request denied The Commission reminded McDonald that he can still carry this request through to the Town Board on May 27, 2008.

3. Brett Anderson: 3011 50th St. S. request a Land Use Permit for a 12'X25' vinyl storage enclosure. Commission reminded Anderson that a building permit is required.

Zager moved, Dorski second to approve Land Use Permit for a 12' X 25' vinyl storage enclosure with the following restrictions; if the property is sold the enclosure will be removed by Anderson, there will be no outside storage and the enclosure will be inspected in two years time. Vote unanimous

4. Express Recycling: 2330 36th St N. formerly A&M Recycling requesting a Conditional Use Permit for continuing the recycling operation. Discussed the request. The Commission felt the request should have been a Land Use Permit. The agenda for this meeting was legally noticed and the item was listed as a Conditional Use Permit.

Zager moved, Edwards second to recommend the applicant come back to the next meeting as a Land Use Permit. Vote unanimous

5. Laurie Ginzl: 5820 Pineway Dr. has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a **24' X 30'** detached garage in structure setback area. Commission discussed the setback areas for proposed garage due to the lack of buildable area on the lot. Commission recommended varying only the side yard setback on the street side and maintaining the front yard setback.

Speich moved, Zager second to recommend to the Town Board the approval of the Conditional Use Permit for a revised **24' X 27'** detached garage abiding by the front setback areas; allowing the side setback area to be 10'6". Vote unanimous.

Zager moved, Dorski second to bring back to the table discussion of the proposed Exotic Animal Ordinance.

6. Review Exotic Animal Ordinance: Discussed the proposed Ordinance and the possibility of grandfathering already existing animals. Also discussed a 30 day time limit to dispose of already existing animals. Discussed idea of enacting ordinance towards winter.

Dorski moved, Edwards second to recommend to the Town Board approval of this Ordinance with no grandfathering clause, enacting ordinance towards winter months, no permits and 30 days to dispose of already existing exotic animals. Vote unanimous

7. Zoning Administrators Report: 931 Kuhn Ave. asked for an exception to the fence setback area. The property is adjacent to Greg Ellious Motors and across from the entrance to Walmart. After discussion with Commission it was decided that they would entertain an application for a Land Use Permit for a fence just outside the ROW on Kuhn Ave.

Fuehrer announced the condemnation of a foundation located in the town due to construction issues and liability issues for the town. Discussion ensued and commission felt Fuehrer was justified and supported her decision to condemn.

Fuehrer also brought to the attention of the Commission the seminar in Mosinee May 21, 2008 which was announced in the *WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION* May report which will address such issues as wind turbines, solar units, cell towers, operations of landfills, hazardous waste operations and on citing and operations of large agricultural operations. After discussion the Commission asked Fehrman, board liaison, to bring it to the attention of the Town Board at the next meeting (May 13, 2008) that we would like to send two (2) Planning Commission members.

8. Public Input:

Chairman Weber has asked that Fuehrer put the Wisconsin River Crossing connecting Port Edwards to Wisconsin Rapids on the next agenda and contact the DOT to have someone come in and give an informative talk and answer questions to the Planning Commission. Commission also asked Fuehrer to inform the Village of Port Edwards, Wood County Planning and Zoning and the City of Wisconsin Rapids of the meeting so that they may attend.

Zager announced his displeasure at all the advertising signs in the ROW, mostly painters. He asked that Fuehrer please check into it.

Tentative meeting date---June 9,2008 Dorski moved, Edwards second, adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes by Planning Commission Secretary

Lorelei Fuehrer